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February 6, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS--SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM

(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve extension of the sunset review date for the Commission on Alcoholism to March 31, 2011.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION:

The sunset review date for the Commission on Alcoholism was inadvertently allowed to expire on October 1, 2005. Since such date, the Board has continued to appoint and reappoint members to the Commission on Alcoholism. Therefore, it is necessary for the Board to extend the sunset review date as requested by the Audit Committee to March 31, 2011.

On December 1, 1994, the Audit Committee submitted its initial report in response to your Board's instruction to review the effectiveness of County commissions, committees and task forces defined under Chapters I and IV of the Los Angeles County Committee Book. Consistent with your Board's instructions, the Audit Committee is submitting the results of the evaluation of the Commission on Alcoholism (Commission) performed by the Auditor-Controller, and the recommendations from the Audit Committee for further action by your Board.

The Commission was created for the purpose of reducing alcohol-related problems and the negative impact of alcohol use on the quality of life in Los Angeles County. As an advisory board, the Commission works closely with the Director of the Department of Health Services' Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) on alcohol related policies, treatment, recovery and prevention, with input from various County departments, service providers and the public.

During this review period, the Commission accomplished the following; continued to host an annual Alcoholic Olympics to celebrate recovery and sobriety; recommended that the

Department of Public Health's Alcohol and Drug Program Administration conduct an outcome evaluation study on County-contracted alcohol and drug programs in an effort to improve the overall delivery of County alcohol and drug services; continued to evaluate and advise the Board and State government officials on legislative matters relating to alcoholism; and also educated parents and children on the serious consequences of underage drinking by speaking at various events and distributing informational handouts.

FISCAL/FINANCING IMPACTS:

Meetings are held at least bimonthly and members receive \$25 per meeting, not to exceed \$50 in any month. Commissioners are also entitled to reimbursement for their actual and necessary traveling expenses in performing their duties.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Commission was established and has been continued by Board Order pursuant to Chapter 3.06 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Board-approved sunset review date for the Commission was October 1, 2005.

The Commission's duties are as follows: participate in planning for County alcohol programs and advise alcohol program administrator and the Board on policies and goals of the County alcohol programs. The Commission also reviews other alcohol-related issues and other matters referred to the Commission by the administrator or the Board, or raised by the Commission itself.

The Commission consists of fifteen (15) members, three appointed by each Supervisor. At least three Commission members must have received aid from a public agency or private organization.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Extending the sunset review will allow this body to continue to work with County Counsel, the Administrator and the Board to amend the Los Angeles County Code and better reflect the Commission's responsibilities and member qualification requirements; continue to host the annual Alcoholic Olympics event to celebrate recovery and sobriety; educate parents and children about the consequences of underage drinking; recommend policies to the Board that will best address the negative impact of alcohol abuse; and formulate goals and make recommendations to the Board based on findings from the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs' study.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson, Audit Committee

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AGENDA ITEM

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November 21, 2006

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: J. Tyler McCauley
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
ON ALCOHOLISM**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors to extend the Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism's sunset review date to March 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism (Commission) was established by the Board of Supervisors (Board), and has been continued pursuant to Chapter 3.06 of the Los Angeles County Code. The most recent extension was approved by the Board in January 2002.

The Commission participates in planning for County alcohol programs, and advises the Board and County alcohol program administrator (Administrator) on the programs' policies and goals. In addition, the Commission reviews other alcohol-related issues referred to the Commission by the Administrator or the Board.

The Commission consists of 15 members. Members are representatives of public agencies and private organizations concerned with the prevention of alcoholism and the rehabilitation of persons suffering from alcoholism. At least three Commission members must have received aid from a public agency or private organization. The Commission is required to meet bimonthly, or when deemed necessary by the Administrator or Commission Chair. From July 1, 2001 through March 31, 2006, the Commission met 49 times, with an average attendance of 9.9 (66%) members.

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Please call if you have any questions.

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Attachments

c: A. Stephanie Loftin, Chair, Commission on Alcoholism
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COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM
REVIEW COMMENTS

Mission. (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance creating the Commission.

CONCUR

Section 1. Relevance (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission continues to advise and make recommendations to the Board and the County alcohol program administrator (Administrator) on alcohol-related issues to reduce the problems associated with alcoholism and the negative impact it has on the quality of life in Los Angeles County. **RELEVANT**

Section 2. Meetings and Attendance. (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission is required to meet bimonthly or when deemed necessary by the Commission Chair or Administrator. From July 1, 2001 to March 31, 2006 the Commission met 49 times, with an average attendance of 9.9 (66%) members. **SATISFACTORY**

Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results. (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

The Commission's accomplishments include the following:

- Hosted the Fifth Annual AI-impics (Alcoholic Olympics) to celebrate recovery and sobriety, and to aid the recovering community by promoting fellowship, brotherhood and unity. The event was held on September 17, 2005 at Compton College, with the support of several County-wide co-sponsors.
- Recommended, in conjunction with the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission, that the Department of Public Health's Alcohol and Drug Program Administration contract with UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs to conduct an outcome evaluation study on County-contracted alcohol and drug programs. This study is designed to identify existing and needed services/practices and help improve the delivery of County alcohol and drug services. It will be performed on a quarterly basis.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM
ATTENDANCE RECORD

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